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RANGERS RESCUE ILL HIKER IN DEATH CANYON

Grand Teton National Park rangers responded to a call received at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, August 3, regarding a woman who became ill while on a backcountry trek along the Teton Crest Trail in the park with her young son. Jenny Knight, age 47 of Miami, Florida, began her backcountry trip on August 1 from the Jackson Hole Ski Resort tram. After camping a second night near Fox Creek Pass, Knight was unable to continue hiking due to her illness; other hikers in the area used their cell phone to call for help.

Park rangers, who were coincidentally nearby at Marion Lake, began hiking to Fox Creek Pass to locate the reporting party and Knight. At 9:20 a.m., the park's contract helicopter flew five rangers into Upper Death Canyon to reach the patient's camp location.

Rangers conducted a patient assessment and provided emergency medical care to Knight. She and her son were then airlifted to Lupine Meadows where an ambulance transported them to St. John's Medical Center in Jackson. Knight was reported to be in stable condition.

This marks the fourth major search and rescue operation conducted in Grand Teton National Park this year.

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